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## SERVICE HELD TO REMEMBER 1973 FLOOD VICTIMS

On the 50th anniversary of the 1973 flood, Watchung Mayor Ronald Jubin and Council members held a short memorial service at Wetumpka Falls, honoring those who lost their lives in the massive flood that devastated central New Jersey on August 3, 1973.

Mayor Jubin spoke on the measures the Borough is taking to “repair,” after a natural disaster and to best “prepare,” for future natural situations. Other speakers included Council President Christine B. Ead, Council Member Sonia Abi-Habib, Assemblywoman Nancy F. Munoz, and Alexander Seth who recalled his memory of the incident.

Excerpt from New York Times Archives – August 3, 1973:

A torrential rainstorm killed at least seven persons in the metropolitan area yesterday and forced hundreds of families to leave their homes in dozens of towns in northern New Jersey.

Seven more deaths were reported, but unconfirmed last night in New Jersey, where the storm struck the hardest. Traffic was backed up for miles during the day on flooded highways in the state, and factories were forced to close.

Six of the confirmed fatalities were in North Plainfield, where floodwaters converged in a 150-foot canyon in the Watchung Mountain ridge northeast of the town, sending a wall of water several feet high coursing through the streets. The rushing water swept the victims to their deaths.

One surviving victim said the water took her “head over heels,” adding: “I was under water – it was like Niagara Falls.”

### ABOUT WATCHUNG

The Borough of Watchung is located in Somerset County and was incorporated on May 23, 1926 from portions of North Plainfield and Green Brook. The name “Watchung” comes from the Lenni Lenape Native Americans meaning “high hills.”

You may contact Dámaris Quinones-Gray for questions on borough events at [dgray@watchungnj.gov](mailto:dgray@watchungnj.gov).



(above) Watchung Mayor Ronald Jubin, Ph.D., and the Borough Council hosted a ‘50th Anniversary of the 1973 Flood’ memorial service at Wetumpka Falls on August 3, 2023. Other speakers included Council President Christine B. Ead, Council Member Sonia Abi-Habib, Assemblywoman Nancy F. Munoz, and Alexander Seth who recalled his memory of the incident.

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A free spirituality seminar is being offered by Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scotch Plains, NJ. Meetings are weekly, and most are on Zoom.

Some of the most interesting and meaningful discussions occur when we talk about subjects that really matter to us. What is important to you? What fills you with joy? What do you seek in life? What do you believe? Alpha was created as an opportunity to examine important topics that ask us to reevaluate what we believe and why.

The four in-person meetings begin with a meal, followed by a short video on various Christian topics, small group discussions and conclude with some summary comments. The other meetings are conducted on Zoom. There are twelve meetings in total. While it seems as though only people with faith are the target audience, all are welcome whether a believer, an atheist, or an agnostic. Come and bring a friend.

Listening is critical to this format. It is as important to understand other points of view as much as to be understood. Dialogue is expected to be respectful not confrontational. No one is forced to talk if they simply choose to listen.

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The next Alpha Program will begin on Monday, September 18, 2023 with a dinner at 7 p.m. in the Nazareth Center at Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Church, 1571 S. Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains. Since most meetings will be on Zoom it will require access to a device for the Zoom meetings. Links and directions for Zoom will be provided to those who register. Participation is capped at 30 people. Sign up by visiting the IHM website: [ihmparish.net](https://ihmparish.net). If you have any questions about Alpha, email: [office@ihmparish.net](mailto:office@ihmparish.net) or call: 908-889-2100.



(above) Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scotch Plains to host a free spirituality seminar.

Registration is required, please visit [ihmparish.net/alpha](https://ihmparish.net/alpha). If you have any questions about Alpha, email: [office@ihmparish.net](mailto:office@ihmparish.net) or call: 908-889-2100.

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entertainment includes food trucks, craft vendors, beer and wine, prize raffles, children's activities, and of course Dog Adoptions!

Gates open 11 a.m. Activities commence at 12 noon and conclude at 5 p.m.

Pre-registered tickets are \$30 for adults & \$12 for children (12 and under). Pre-registration will close on Thursday, Sept. 7th at 6 p.m. Tickets at door: \$35/adult.

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Don't miss your chance to see this amazing celebration of one of music's most versatile performers – Linda Ronstadt! Ronstadt Revue featuring Gesenia presents a premier celebration on October 29 at the Sieminski Theater in Basking Ridge, NJ. Showtime 7:30 pm. Tickets are available at [www.sieminskitheater.org](http://www.sieminskitheater.org) or 866-307-8532

RONSTADT REVUE is a 7-piece ensemble of world-class, professional musicians out of South Jersey/Philadelphia that covers the entire career of Linda Ronstadt (all genres including Spanish-language material). The group is led by the remarkable vocalist, Gesenia, who doesn't just channel Ronstadt's vibrant sound, she embodies her very spirit. Gesenia spent an entire year searching for just the right musicians to fully showcase Ronstadt's music, from country rock to mariachi to big band to pop-rock. And the result of her efforts is Ronstadt Revue — the world's finest Linda Ronstadt tribute show.

Each member of the band is a seasoned, talented musician fully dedicated to recreating the sounds and vibe of a Linda Ronstadt live performance from back in the day. But of course,

no Ronstadt tribute band can work without "that voice." And if you close your eyes, Gesenia will have you believing that Linda really is with us on the stage. This group is so authentic that it has racked up high praise from three of Linda Ronstadt's former band members: Dan Dugmore, John Beland, and Herb Steiner! Who has co-produced Ronstadt Revue's recently released (2022) album. Mr. Beland has appeared with the band in concert at selected shows across the country.

"Every time they play, I'm catapulted back to 1970 on the stage with Linda. This is a fabulous collection of musicians and Gesenia makes the hair on my arms stand up and tingle when she sings. The Ronstadt Revue is authentic. There are tribute bands and then there is this. Don't miss it!" – John Beland

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The event recognizes outstanding citizens for their community service, as evidenced by their leadership and interests within the communities of Basking Ridge, Warren, and Watchung, and for their embodiment of the values of the century old Scout Oath and Law in their personal and professional lives. The event co-chairs are Wayne Hanlon and Larry Najarian, past Good Scout Award recipients and active volunteers and leaders in the community.

Mark Claxton is Immediate Past President of the Warren Lions Club and an active community volunteer; Mark Fabian has volunteered with Scouts BSA Troop 555 of Basking Ridge and the

at the Berkeley Aquatic Club in New Providence; Virginia Hartmann has volunteered for the Watchung Library since 2010; Harold Kreis is the past president of the optimist club of Watchung and is a former director at Junior Achievement of Union County; Jonathan Shuster is the owner of J.W. Shuster & Son, Inc. and has volunteered with Scouts BSA Troop 555 of Basking Ridge ; and Victor Sordillo is a member of the Warren township committee and has served the town as Mayor for six terms.

These communities are a part of the Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America along with the counties of Middlesex, Morris, Somerset, Sussex, and Union. In the council, over 5,000 adult volunteers deliver the values of Scouting to over 10,500 Scouts.

For more information on Scouting in Patriots' Path Council, attending the event, and sponsoring the program journal, contact

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The Drive for Autism Foundation is pleased to announce that its annual golf event, Drive for Autism XXII will be held at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, NJ on September 18, 2023.

The Drive for Autism Golf Outing which has been held since 2002 has raised and distributed over \$851,000 to local school programs. Previous beneficiaries of grants were Morris Union Jointure Commission (New Providence, NJ), Salt Brook School (New Providence, NJ), AW Roberts School (New Providence, NJ), Union County Educational Services Foundation/Crossroads School (Westfield, NJ), Educational Partnership for Instructing Children, Paramus, NJ, Eden II/Genesis Programs (Staten Island, NY), Spectrum360 formally The Children's Institute (Verona, NJ), ECLC (Chatham, NJ) and Seton Foundation for Learning (Staten Island, N.Y.).

Grant recipients use money to fund health and fitness programs, social skills programs, educational curriculum and teacher training, a van for community trips and transportation to job training centers, laptop computers, computer touch screens, iPads, video projectors and educational toys and games.

## FLEA MARKET SEPT. 30

The Gillette Chapel will be holding it's fall flea market and bake sale fundraiser on September 30, 2023, at the church at the corner of Lackawanna Blvd and Summit Ave in Gillette. The event is indoor from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. rain or shine. There are 2 floors of all types of items to browse. Proceeds of the sale benefit missions, charitable organizations and help support children in the Dominican Republic through Handfuls of Hope. The church can be contacted at 908-647-2573 or at [gillettecommchapel@gmail.com](mailto:gillettecommchapel@gmail.com).

## WATCHUNG SENIORS CLUB 55+

Regular meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Watchung Firemen's Exempt Hall, located at

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### ABOUT DRIVE FOR AUTISM FOUNDATION:

Based in New Providence, New Jersey, The Drive for Autism Foundation (EIN#20-1760417), is a 501(3)(c) tax exempt public charity that was created in the Spring of 2002 for the sole purpose of raising and distributing funds for educational facilities specializing in students with autism.

### DRIVE FOR AUTISM GOLF OUTING 2023

The Drive for Autism XXII is scheduled for Monday Sept 18, 2023 at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, New Jersey. The event consists of a morning round of golf followed by a barbeque. Special events include golf contests, raffles and a silent auction of sports memorabilia, game tickets and golf trips.

To register or for additional information please visit

[www.birdease.com/DriveForAutismXXII](http://www.birdease.com/DriveForAutismXXII),  
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or email [driveforautism@comcast.net](mailto:driveforautism@comcast.net).

## 4-H RUMMAGE SALE SEPT. 15

The 4-H Center will soon be transformed into a bargain hunter's dream at the annual Somerset County 4-H Association Rummage Sale. Come search for treasures and incredible bargains in jewelry, clothing, accessories, tools, housewares, home décor and more.

The doors open Friday, Sept. 15, 9 a.m.-noon, and 5-8 p.m.; and on Saturday, Sept. 16, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. All money raised benefits the 4-H youth program.

If you are downsizing, consider donating items to the sale - it's easy. Just drive up to the rear entrance of the 4-H Center and volunteers will help you unload your car.

Donation drop-off dates are Sunday, Sept. 10, noon-3 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 11-12, 9 a.m.-noon, and 6-8 p.m. Items in high-demand include gently-used clothing, costume jewelry, cooking/baking utensils, housewares, bicycles and sporting goods. Please - no computers, printers, TVs, furniture, mattresses, plumbing fixtures, tires, broken or hazardous items.

The Ted Blum 4-H Center of Somerset County is located at 310 Milltown Road in Bridgewater. For more information, visit [4HisTops.org/events](http://4HisTops.org/events).

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Program dates and times are subject to change. All programs are free and registration is required unless otherwise indicated. Visit SCLSNJ.org or call the Library for more information and to register.

## BARBIE VISITS LIBRARY

The Friends of the Watchung Library recently invited Barbie to visit the Watchung Library. Barbie met some librarians and patrons and had fun indoors and out. She had a great time getting a library card, watching the fish, shopping in Second Story Books, and she checked out a Barbie movie.

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(above) Barbie and library patron Tammy Benc had a nice conversation over books and a cool drink on what was a hot day.

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## LIBRARY WELCOMES MANNY MIRACLE

### SHARE YOUR JOURNEY TO BRANCH MANAGER:

I fell in love with librarianship at Watchung branch where I worked as a library assistant in the '90s. After graduating from Rutgers University with my undergraduate degree I worked as the public relations coordinator for the Library System sharing my love of library services with the public; headquartered at the Bridgewater branch for ten years. After a move to Colorado and obtaining my master's in library science from Clarion University (PA), I came back to work at SCLSNJ as a librarian at Mary Jacobs and moved to the new Montgomery location where I led the adult services department.

### WHY WATCHUNG?

I grew up just around the corner, in Warren, attended school at Watchung Hills, and started my first job at the Watchung branch where I developed a love of librarianship and the idea of community. The Watchung branch provided me with a sense of belonging and this is my opportunity to directly give back to the community that impacted my life for the better. As someone who has reaped the benefits of growing up in Somerset County, I have always wanted to give back to the community that shaped me into who I am today. As our daily lives become ever more intertwined with technology it's vitally important to the health of a community for the library to serve as a third place; a place that is neither home nor work where people can meet their neighbors and feel they are a part of a larger community.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE LIBRARY RESOURCE THAT YOU FEEL SHOULD NO LONGER REMAIN A SECRET?

First of all, I cannot say enough about the treasure trove found on the Library's website, from cultural adventure passes to Library programs to readers advisory services. However, if I could only pick one thing, I love, love, love Gale Presents: Udemy. Udemy provides high quality video courses taught by professionals in the field on topics ranging from how to build a website to how to be a better listener. Anyone looking to upskill themselves, job seekers looking to add skills in search of better jobs, or employers looking to provide training to their employees should take a peek at this magnificent resource. But, I also love Libby, our e-book and e-audiobook library, or Gale Business DemographicsNow, an incredible resource for entrepreneurs. I really could just go on and on. Stop in and chat with me, I'd love to tell you all about - well, everything!

Recommendations from Manny Miracle:

- "The Stand" (unabridged version) by Stephen King
- "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini
- "The Giver of Stars" by JoJo Moyes.
- "An Absolutely Remarkable Thing" by Hank Green
- "Upgrade" by Blake Crouch
- "The Martian" and "Project Hail Mary" both by Andy Weir

## THE SCIENCE OF ICE CREAM

At the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Watchung branch, children in grades K-5 explored STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) by sharing a bowl of ice cream - topped with rainbow sprinkles, of course!

The homemade ice cream was created by blending together milk, sugar, and pure vanilla extract in a large plastic bag and then a lot of shake, shake, shaking. During the delicious

experiment, participants discussed and explored physical changes, melting points, and emulsion.

"The benefit of STEAM programs like ice cream science is that children learn about science through experimentation while also having fun," said Youth Services Librarian Katie Salerno. "Having this educational program during the summer is especially important because children could lose some of what they learned during the school year. STEAM food programs allow children to activate their brains while eating the delicious end result."

Are you sad to have missed this tasty experiment? Discover a few librarian-recommended ice cream-themed reads and learn something new in the comfort of your home.

"Ice Cream and Dinosaurs: Groovy Joe" by Eric Litwin

"Ice Cream Man: How Augustus Jackson Made a Sweet Treat Better" by Glenda Armand

"The Ice Cream Vanishes" by Julia Sarcone-Roach

"I'm Your Ice Cream Truck" by Hannah Eliot

"The Scoop on Ice Cream" by Bonnie Williams

"Splat the Cat: I Scream for Ice Cream" by Laura Driscoll



(above) Natalia Fidalgo explores the science of ice cream at SCLSNJ's Watchung branch.

# SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS AT WARRENBROOK SENIOR CENTER

Warrenbrook Senior Center, located at 500 Warrentown Road, Warren, NJ, is one of the six county operated Senior Center. Somerset County residents who are 60 years and older are welcome to participate in any of the programs at Warrenbrook Senior Center. They also provide a choice of 4 different meal choices during lunch that seniors can take advantage of during the weekdays. All the programs are free for the registered members. Please call (908) 753-9440 for more information on how to become member of the Warrenbrook Senior Community.

Below is the highlight of some of the programs available at Warrenbrook Senior Center in September.

## Senior Medicare Patrol

September 6, 11 a.m.

Joel Schneider from Senior Medicare Patrol will teach us how to protect ourselves from Medicare Fraud, waste and abuse.

## Basic Computer and iPad Instruction with Parul

September 7, 14, 11 a.m.

In this basic computer learning class, the topics that will be covered will vary every week and will depend on the needs of the clients. Some of the topics will be checking the email, opening/attaching the attachments, clearing the cache, creating word documents. Please call (908) 753-9440 for more information.

## Brains n Games and Hand Bells with Adrienne Graubard

September 8, 29, 11 a.m.

Did you know that solving puzzles or challenging yourself with new mind-stretching activities like learning music can stimulate the brain and enhance your creative and critical thinking processes? Join Adrienne for some mind-tingling, brain-stumping word games and a fun-filled musical workout using hand bells.

## Physical Therapy Screenings

September 8, 1 p.m.

Nicholas Matthes from Trinity Rehabilitation Center of Warren will provide 10-minute Physical Therapy Screenings to the registered clients. To sign up and for information please call (908) 753-9440

## Blood Pressure & Cholesterol - Flu Shots

September 11, 10:30 a.m.

Both high cholesterol and high blood pressure are well-known risk factors for stroke and heart attacks. Shivani Shah from Walmart Pharmacy will be talking about what is cholesterol/Blood Pressure and how it affects the overall body, what to watch out for to control the cholesterol and the importance of vaccines.

## Volunteer Recognition Celebration

September 13 - 11 a.m.

Our volunteers help us every day by assisting at the front desk, helping to pack and serve lunches for hundreds of seniors, and leading our wide variety of programs. Let's take today to give a well-deserved Thank You to our volunteers and enjoy the music of Gordon James who will sing the songs from 50s & 60s.

## Recycled Craft

September 15, 11 a.m.

by Debbie Perez, a local artist & designer who specializes in creating one of a kind, nature-inspired items by using upcycled items to create a unique, beautiful, mandala. All materials will be provided. PRE-REGISTRATION

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## Soccer Game

September 15, 1 p.m.

To celebrate the participation of Warrenbrook Senior client's family in FIFA World Cup 2023, we will be playing the indoor senior soccer games. Be prepared to toss the ball around and make some goals.

## Food too Good to Waste

September 18 - 11 a.m.

by Jennifer Korneski, Rutgers Cooperative Extension. According to the FDA, food waste is estimated at between 30-40 percent of the food supply at a cost of more than \$161 billion. Food is the single largest category of material placed in municipal landfills and represents wasted nourishment that could have helped feed families. Additionally, water, energy, and labor used to produce wasted food could have been employed for other purposes. Effectively reducing food waste will require cooperation

among federal, state, tribal, and local governments, faith-based institutions, environmental organizations, communities, consumers, and the entire supply chain. Jennifer will introduce us to simple, yet effective ways we can start as individuals to becoming smarter with food consumption and effective waste management. Every little bit of change can make a difference.

## Lighthouses of New Jersey

September 20 - 11 a.m.

by Marilyn Dunning & Alan Jacobson, New Jersey Lighthouse Society. Marilyn and Alan will provide details on the history, structure, and characteristics of lighthouses. They will also discuss topics such as keepers, governance, purpose, and how weather affects lighthouses. Historical facts about New Jersey beacons and keepers who were women will be highlighted.

## Jeopardy with Angela

September 21, 11 a.m.

Join us as we play Jeopardy where the Categories include Animals, Country, Food, & Fruits.

## Musical Performance

September 25, 11 a.m.

Sing along with Paul Elwood, and revisit your favorite songs from the 50s, 60s, and 70s. Wear your dancing shoes!

## Bingo with Rashmi

September 27 - 11 a.m.

Bingo is more than just an exciting activity. Researchers have found that playing Bingo has multiple benefits such as promoting socialization, strengthening hand-eye coordination, and improving concentration, listening and short-term memory, all with a little bit of friendly competition!

## Armchair Travels to Germany with Maritza

September 28, 11 a.m.

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The 4-H Association offered 8 demonstrations including button making, butter making with 4-H master chefs, and NamastHay a mini-mindfulness session and hay bay yoga.

The Somerset County tent offered information about services, a chance to enter drawings and play fun games. There were also presentations, including: “Storytime” by the Somerset County Library System, K9 unit demonstrations, “Meet Betsy the Therapy Dog,” and “Make a George Washington Spyglass,” with Somerset County Cultural & Heritage. Our theme this year is Somerset: Healthy & Strong.

### ABOUT THE 4-H ASSOCIATION

4-H is the largest nationwide youth development organization in America, offering resources to youth through engaging clubs & activities, volunteer opportunities, and informative workshops to create compassionate, responsible, and skilled citizens in the community and beyond. Follow Somerset County 4-H on Facebook.

### ABOUT 4-H FAIRGROUNDS & PARKLAND

Somerset County encompass 305 square miles, contains diverse landscapes, population, and development that reflects the varied lifestyles of its estimated 345,367 residents. The county’s 14,922.96 acres of parkland include the County Fairgrounds.

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